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Applicant(s):	Friddle <i>et al.</i>	Group Art Unit:	1647
Application No.:	10/024,579	Examiner:	R. Hayes
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
**DATED JANUARY 21, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. A response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 21, 2004 (hereafter "the Requirement") is also included herewith, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the remarks therein.

A Petition for an Extension of Time of two months to and including April 21, 2004, and authorization to deduct the fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) from Applicants' representatives Deposit Account are included. The response is thus timely filed. Applicants believe no fees in addition to the fee for the extension of time are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additionally required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.